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SUBJECT: CHANGES IN NEW TANJUG DIRECTORY

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED LATEST EDITION OF THE TANJUG POLITICAL AND BUSINESS DIRECTORY (POLITICKI I POSLOVNI IMENIK), FIRST ONE PUBLISHED SINCE INSTALLATION OF NEW GOVERNMENT AND PARTY LEADERSHIP. COPIES BEING POUCHE TO DEPARTMENT.

2. AMONG NUMBEROUS CHANGES WE NOTED IN PRELIMINARY REVIEW IS DISAPPEARANCE OF WHOLE COMPLEX OF CABINET COMMITTEES ATTACHED TO PRESIDENT OF REPUBLIC AND SFRY PRESIDENCY. NAME OF COL. GEN. IVAN MISKOVIC, WHO WAS LISTED AS SECURITY ADVISER TO TITO AND PRESIDENCY IN OLD EDITION, DISAPPEARS ENTIRELY. MISKOVIC WAS RUMORED TO BE IN DISFAVOR LAST YEAR OR EVEN UNDER HOUSE ARREST (BELGRADE 2788, JUNE 22 1973). COL. GEN IVAN DOLNICAR (ALSO ONCE RUMORED TO BE IN TROUBLE -- BELGRADE 3066, JULY 10, 1973) STILL APPEARS AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, BUT POSITION HE HELD AS SECRETARY TO PRESIDENCY COUNCIL OF DEFENSE HAS DISAPPEARED.

3. IMENIK REVEALS THAT MILITARY HAS FURTHER EXPANDED PARTICIPATION IN POLICY-MAKING BODIES OF GOVERNMENT IN ADDITION TO NUMBER OF KEY POSITIONS IT HOLDS IN GOVERNMENT (SECRETARIES OF DEFENSE

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AND INTERIOR, PUBLIC PROSECUTOR AND DIRECTOR OF CIVIL

AVIATION) AND HEAVY REPRESENTATION IN LEADING PARTY BODIES. THERE IS NOW MILITARY MEMBER ON ALL FEDERAL COMMITTEES OF FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL EXCEPT TOURISM AND TRAFFIC.

4. NEW EDITION ALSO CLEARLY LISTS COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS OF LCY EX COM FOR FIRST TIME (SEPARATE LISTS OF NAMES AND COMMITTEES WERE PUBLISHED DURING SUMMER, BUT THEY DID NOT INDICATE WHO WAS REPONSIBLE FOR WHAT). COMMITTEE PRESIDENTS ARE DRAGOLJUB STAVREV, COORDINATION, MONITORING AND DIRECTION OF ACTION IN REALIZATION OF NEW SFRY CONSTITUTION: ALI SUKRIJA, DEVELOPMENT OF LCY AND CADRE POLICY; DOBRIVOJE VIDIC, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS; DUSAN POPOVIC, PROPAGANDA AND INFORMATION: IVAN KUKOC, ALL-PEOPLES DEFENSE: MUNIR MESIHOVIC, ONGOING SOCI-ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND ECONOMIC POLICY. COMMITTEE HEADS ARE SIX MEMBERS WITHOUT PORTFOLIO OF EX COM. EACH OF COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS CORRESPONDS CLOSELY TO ONE OF SECRETARIAL PORTFOLIOS (.E.G, VIDIC HAS INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE AND GRICKOV IS SECRETARY FOR INTERANTIONAL POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS), EXCEPT FOR KUKOC'S DEFENSE COMMITTEE, WHICH HAS NO EQUIVALENT AMONG FIVE ASSIGNED EX COM SECRETARIES.

5. OF MISCELLANEOUS INTEREST, FEDERAL AND REPUBLICAN ECONOMIC COURTS DO NOT APPEAR IN NEW IMENIK EDITION. REPUBLICAN PRESIDENCIES HAVE MINI-CABINETS FOR OVERSEEING VARIOUS RESPONSIBILITIES, BUT NOT INCLUDING FOREIGN RELATIONS. ONLY ONE OF REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COUNCILS HAS INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS POSITION BUT ALL REPUBLICAN PARTY ORGANIZATIONS HAVE COMMITTEE FOR MAINTAINING FOREIGN TIES.

5. EMBASSY WILL APPRECIATE RECEIVING ANY IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS OF NEW STRUCTURE WHICH MIGHT BE UNDERTAKE IN DEPARTMENT OR ELESWHERE, SINCE WE HAVE NEITHER STAFF TIME NOR RESEARCH TOOLS TO DO SO HERE.

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